DUBLIN UNIVERSITY PETITIONS.

COPIES of PETITION of 6,361 Graduates of the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN, including the Vice Chancellor and Vice Provost thereof, against any Change in the Constitution of the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN [presented 5th March 1868], and the PETITION of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of the COLLEGE of the HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY, near DUBLIN, under its Corporate Seal, to the same effect [presented 10th July 1868].

PETITION of 6,361 Graduates of the University of Trinity College, *Dublin*, including the Vice Chancellor and Vice Provost thereof.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Graduates of the University of Trinity College, Dublin, and others,

Showeth,

THAT the University of Trinity College was founded in Dublin by Queen Elizabeth, in 1591, for the purpose of promoting Education in Ireland, based on the principles of the Protestant religion.

That for three centuries Trinity College has faithfully fulfilled the trust imposed on it by its Founder and Benefactors, and has in consequence enjoyed the confidence of the Protestant people of Ireland.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that in any legislation affecting University Education in Ireland, the Protestant Constitution of the University of Dublin may be preserved unimpaired, and that the Protestant people of Ireland may not be deprived of privileges which they have enjoyed without interruption for 300 years.

PETITION of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, near *Dublin*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of the * Holy and Undivided Trinity, of Queen Elizabeth, near Dublin, under its corporate seal,

* *Sic in orig.*

Showeth,

THAT the University of Dublin, founded by Royal Charter, has existed under its present constitution for nearly 300 years.

That under such constitution it has attained to its present position, the existing number of Graduates amounting to over 7,000.

That

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That the organic changes which it is now proposed to introduce into the constitution of Trinity College would, as your petitioners believe, lead necessarily to the substitution of a new and untried system for one which has been confessedly successful; and, by lessening the confidence hitherto felt in the University, tend largely to diminish the number of persons who would otherwise avail themselves of its advantages as a place of education.

That your petitioners feel justified in stating that the University has faithfully, and with public benefit, carried out the objects for which it was founded.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House will not give its authority or sanction to changes which are calculated to interrupt the progress of the University, and mar the benefits which it has hitherto conferred on Ireland.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY PETITIONS.

COPIES of PETITION of 6,261 Graduates of the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN, including the Vice Chancellor and Vice Provost thereof, against any Change in the Constitution of the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN [presented 5th March 1868], and the PETITION of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of the COLLEGE of the HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY, near DUBLIN, under its Corporate Seal, to the same effect [presented 10th July 1868].

(*Sir Colman O'Loghlen.*)

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